

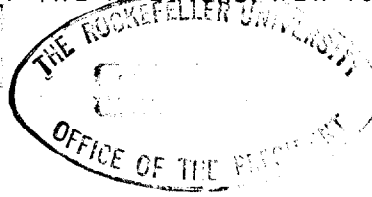
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MEMORANDUM

January 4, 1979

To: Dr. Ivan Bennett
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From: Dr. Kenneth S. Warren *BSW*

Subject: Great Neglected Diseases of Mankind Program - Advisory Committee

Our program on the Great Neglected Diseases of Mankind continues to evolve and at the moment is poised on a most exciting development. An Advisory Committee member, Joshua Lederberg, suggested the importance of a high powered course on laboratory methods in parasitology for the development of this field. At his suggestion, I went to see Dr. Paul Gross, Director of the Marine Biological Laboratory at Woods Hole. Dr. Gross enthusiastically endorsed the idea of an annual summer course in parasitology over a period of five years. This encounter led to discussions of the possibility of setting up a major center for the biology of parasitism at the Marine Biological Laboratory on a year-round basis. The reason for this is that the whole discipline of parasitology and its related areas in tropical medicine appear to be in trouble at the present time. There has been a considerable amount of disaffection concerning our network program from the established centers in parasitology and tropical medicine who feel threatened by our program. Oddly enough, this feeling may have a basis in fact, and probably requires an investigation in order to determine whether it is necessary for the Foundation to either shore up existing institutions or possibly establish new ones such as the Marine Biological Center.

In a discussion with Joshua Lederberg this morning, he suggested the organization of a committee to assess the state of the scientific discipline of parasitology. I believe that this suggestion is of such importance to us and our programs that I would like to convene a meeting of the Advisory Committee as soon as is reasonably possible because I will be travelling throughout Southeast Asia from January 29 to March 3. The meeting would also provide an opportunity to acquaint you with the state of our program. I would therefore like to suggest the following dates for either a luncheon or dinner meeting lasting no longer than three hours:

January 17 - IOM
January 18 - NAS aging SFO? OK after 7³⁰
January 22 - dinner open
January 25 - "
January 26 - holding lunch for Ken Warren already

*preferred date
if open for Kew*

← If it is possible for you to attend on one or several of these dates, please have your secretary call us immediately and we will make the arrangements and get back to you within the next day. Please forgive me for asking you to participate on such short notice. That is one of the advantages in having three of the members in New York City, one in Washington, and one in Rensselaer, New York.

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